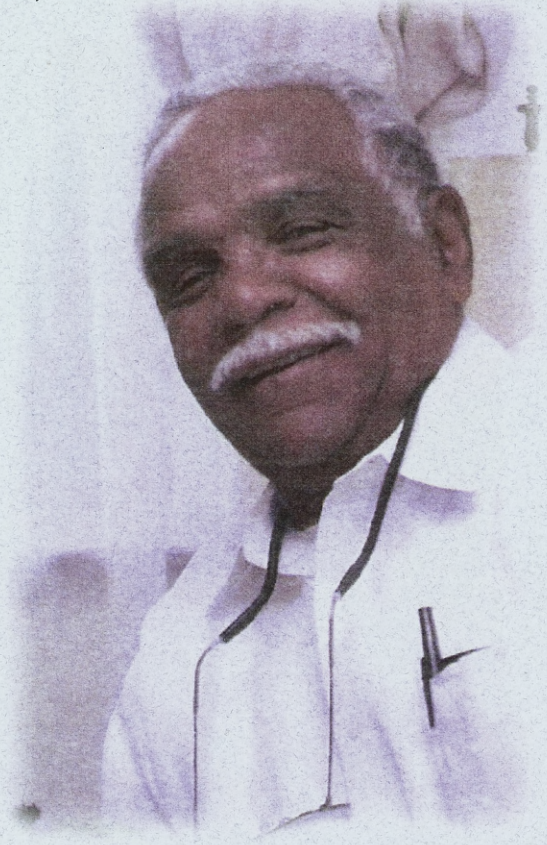
In Loving Memory
Of

Welvin Louis Tandy Stroud

January 29, 1937 — October 22, 2008



SERVICES
Friday, November 7, 2008
11:00 A.M.

The Church of Vallejo
5 Spruce Street
Vallejo, California

OFFICIATING
Bro. Earl Johnson

ORDER OF SERVICE AND REMEMBERING BRO. WELVIN

PRECIOUS MEMORIES

GOOD-BYE/THANK YOU

Order Of Service

Processional Song .....

"Amazing Grace"

Prayer ..... Bro. Caesar English

Scripture Readings ..... Bro. Caesar English

Song ..... Beulah Land

Remembering Welvin ..... Bro. Vincent Bailey

Remarks ..... Family and Friends

(Two Minutes Please.)

Poem .....

"Good-bye/ Thank You"

Eulogy ..... Bro. Earl Johnson

Recessional Song .....

"I've Got A Feeling"

Remembering Bro. Welvin...

Welvin Louis Tandy Stroud, the eldest son of ten children, was born to Bernice and Tandy Stroud on January 29, 1937 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was raised in a Christian household. At an early age the family moved to the San Francisco Bay Area in California, where he attended school and completed his higher educational goals. He graduated from Hayward High School in 1954 and then San Jose State University in 1958, earning a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Education. Welvin was active in the track and boxing programs at San Jose State University. In 1958 he won the NCAA Division I Boxing Championship for his weight class. He went on to complete a Master's of Arts degree at Stanford University in 1964. He also began working toward a Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley.

During his college years, Welvin was awarded an educational exchange scholarship to Nigeria, Africa. Following his college career he went on to teach in the Palo Alto School District where he was among one of eight teachers to participate in a one-year International Study Group in Tokyo, Japan with his family. During his 20-year teaching career, he taught elementary through college-levels in the Palo Alto, San Francisco, and Berkeley Unified School Districts as well as California State University, East Bay.

Following his teaching career Welvin became a lecturer-tour guide for Gray Line Tours in San Francisco. For more than 20 years, he enjoyed working with tourists, who became his captive audience while riding and listening to his tour of the San Francisco Bay Area. He was a writer, poet, and publisher of eight books. Writing under the pen name, "Dust."

Welvin met and married Fern E. Stroud in 1972, who would be his loving wife for 36 years. In 1986, his children and soon his wife began attending the General Assembly Church of Berkeley where he subsequently became reacquainted with the Lord. During his illness he was comforted and touched by the spirit of the Lord. He also displayed evidence of receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, letting him know his journey was not ending, but just beginning.

Welvin is preceded in death by his parents, Tandy and Bernice Stroud; sisters Louise Brooks, Vanessa Shines; and his twin brothers Willard (Ruby), and William (Bessie) Stroud.

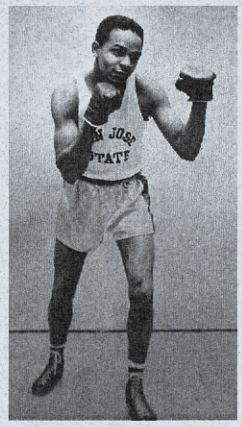
To cherish his memory he leaves behind his beloved wife, Fern Stroud; his children Deborah Stroud, Barbara Williams (Roderick), Mazi Stroud, Alexi Waddell, Precious Stroud, Jontanika Stroud, Fern A. Stroud, Candace Johnson (Earl), Carla Bailey (Vincent); his siblings and their spouses Joseph Stroud (Yvonne), David Stroud (Patricia), Lemuel Stroud (Annette), Donald Stroud, Darlene Stroud; his 10 grand-daughters Johnna Stroud, Amalia Stroud, Menen Stroud, Chimera Herron, Alisha Herron, Amiko Stroud, Kimbal Stroud, Aquene Stroud, Kama Stroud, Alane Johnson; uncles Walker Williams, Bob Lee; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and students.

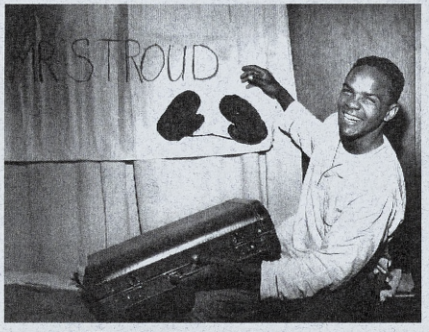
His spirit and love will forever be remembered.

Order of Service and Remembering Bro. Welvin

Precious Memories

Good-bye/Thank You

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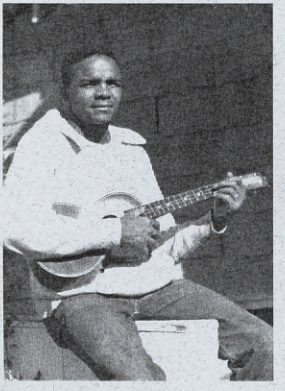

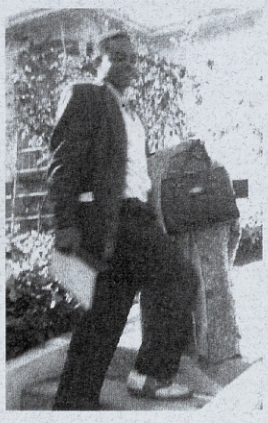

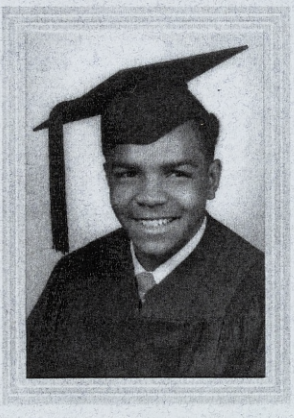

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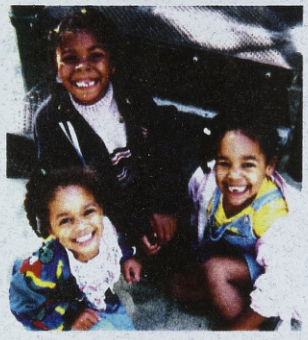


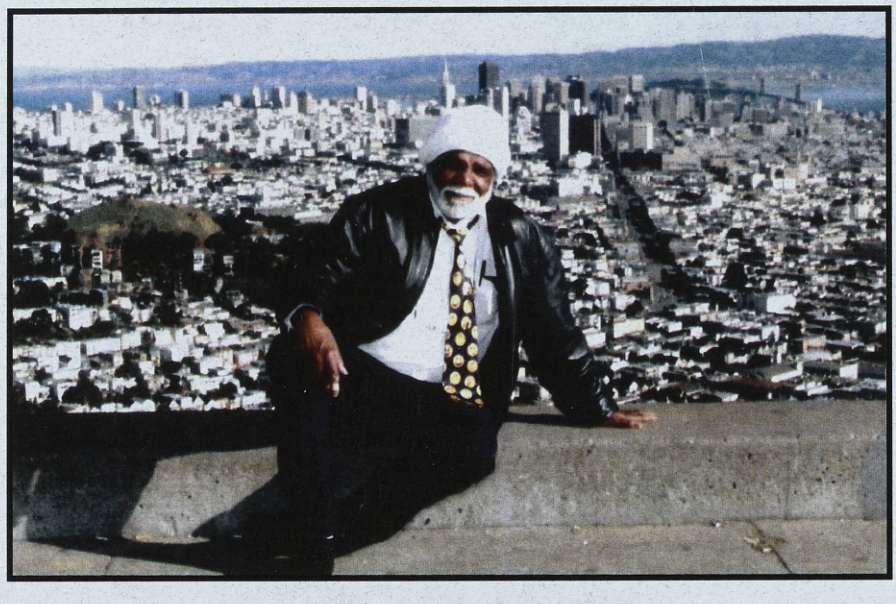
Good-bye/Thank You

While falling
The leaf said to the TREE
"So long
And
Thank you
For
Nourishing ME."
There is a Thank you
Implicit in the phrase,
"Good Bye"
Thank you for being my friend
See you later, good buddy, till we meet again
Thank you for giving me something to do
Farewell, old job, got to find a gig that's new
Thank you for helping me to grow
Adieu to those pains that seem to leave so slow.

It may be far reaching
Requiring some seeking
But a 'thank you' will be found
whenever a 'good bye' is around

But I cannot forget the leaf
Perhaps there was some grief
Yet he did not yell
Just silently fell
And a Thank You was in
His farewell.

Dust



Welvin's Beautiful Garden

Acknowledgments

The family of Welvin Stroud wishes to thank their many friends and loved ones for their outpouring of prayers, cards, floral expressions and all acts of kindness shown during this difficult time. May God bless each of you.

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